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DEPARTMENT ALSO FOR DRL A/S SHATTUCK
AND ROBERTO POWERS

E.O. 12356: 20 YEARS FROM DATE
TAGS: PINS, MOPS, MARR, UN, RW
SUBJECT: GOR GOES PUBLIC ON UNAMIR MANDATE;

TWEAKS UNAMIR ON FUGITIVE FLIGHT

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C.) KIGALI 1493

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1. (U) CLASSIFICATION AS MARKED.

2. (U) RADIO RWANDA LED ITS ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWS
SATURDAY MAY 20 WITH TWO STORIES ABOUT UNAMIR: THE
FIRST A DISCUSSION OF THE MANDATE RENEWAL
NEGOTIATIONS, THE SECOND AN ACCOUNT OF THE ESCAPE
ATTEMPT OF NGABO BIZIMUNGU, SON OF A MINISTER IN
THE OUSTED GOVERNMENT. RADIO RWANDA SUPPLIED
HANDWRITTEN TEXTS OF THESE STORIES; OUR MEMORY IS
THAT THE STORIES AS READ WERE LONGER AND MORE
DETAILED THAN THE SUPPLIED TEXT. BEGIN TEXT
SUPPLIED BY RADIO RWANDA:

THE UN REPRESENTATIVE AMB. SHAHARYAR KHAN AND
UNAMIR COMMANDER GENERAL GUY TOUSIGNANT YESTERDAY

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MET WITH THE VICE-PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE MAJOR GENERAL PAUL KAGAME TO DISCUSS THE TERMS OF THE UNAMIR MANDATE. THE UNAMIR MANDATE WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 9, 1995, HENCE THE DISCUSSIONS WERE CENTERED ON WHETHER THERE WILL BE A NEW MANDATE OR NOT. AMB. KHAN PROPOSED THAT THE NEW MANDATE WOULD INCLUDE CHANGES AFTER JUNE 9; BETWEEN JUNE 9 AND THE FOLLOWING SIX MONTH PERIOD, UNAMIR WOULD WORK OUT A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION OF TROOPS ON THE GROUND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT. AMBASSADOR KHAN FURTHER SAID THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE COMPLETE COOPERATION IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS ADDING THAT THEY DO NOT WANT TO BE SEEN AS AN INTRUSIVE WATCHDOG.

IN RESPONSE, THE VICE-PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF
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DEFENCE SAID QUOTE WE WANT TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR OWN COUNTRY. IF WE WANT YOUR HELP, WE WILL ASK PEOPLE TO COME IN AND HELP WHERE WE NEED THE HELP. WE NEED OUR SOVEREIGNTY WHERE WE CAN DEAL WITH OTHER COUNTRIES ON A BILATERAL BASIS. WE NEED OUR FREEDOM. WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO HANDLE OUR OWN PROBLEMS. THE SOONER WE DISENGAGE THE BETTER. END QUOTE. THE VICE-PRESIDENT ADDED THERE ARE SO MANY INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES IN RWANDA BUT THEIR RESULTS ARE NOT PROPORTIONAL TO THE MAGNITUDE OF THEIR PRESENCE. END TEXT.

3. (U) IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PRECEDING ITEM THE ANNOUNCER READ THE FOLLOWING: BEGIN TEXT SUPPLIED BY RADIO RWANDA:

REPORTS FROM BUTARE SAY UNAMIR IS ACCUSED OF COMPLICITY WITH PRISONERS FROM BUTARE PRISON AND MILITIAS FROM ZAIRE. THIS IS IN CONNECTION WITH REPORTS FROM GISENYI WHICH SAY THAT A SON OF THE FORMER MINISTER OF HEALTH DR. BIZIMUNGU CASIMIR IN THE OUSTED GOVERNMENT WAS RECENTLY ARRESTED IN GISENYI AFTER ESCAPING FROM BUTARE PRISON WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF UNAMIR IN GIKONGORO WITH A 2ND LIEUTENANT NDUWIMANA FAUSTIN (OUSTED ARMY). THE TWO REVEALED THIS AFTER BEING ARRESTED IN GISENYI. THE FORMER MINISTER'S SON FURTHER REVEALED THAT AFTER ESCAPING FROM BUTARE THEY WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE INDIAN CONTINGENT IN KIGALI, THEN TO THE TUNISIAN CONTINGENT IN GISENYI IN A UNAMIR

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HELICOPTER FROM WHERE THEY TRIED TO ESCAPE AND IN
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THE PROCESS WERE ARRESTED IN GISENYI. END TEXT.

4. (C) COMMENT: KAGAME'S QUOTED REMARKS IN PARA 2
TRACK ALMOST WORD FOR WORD WITH HIS REMARKS ON THE
SAME SUBJECT TO VISITING DRL A/S SHATTUCK MAY 18.
IN ADDITION, THE REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO KHAN ARE
NEARLY IDENTICAL TO THOSE KHAN HIMSELF USED IN
BRIBING A/S SHATTUCK ON THE LATEST ROUND OF
MANDATE NEGOTIATIONS MAY 19. WE BELIEVE THAT THE
GOR IS NOT HOLDING ANYTHING BACK ON THE MANDATE
ISSUE; THAT WHAT THEY SAY THEY WANT IS WHAT THEY
WANT. OUR MEMORY OF THE TWO REPORTS AS BROADCAST
IS THAT THEY PROVIDED DETAILS OF THE UNAMIR
REDUCTION FROM FIVE BATTALIONS TO ONE, AND THAT THE
ONE REMAINING BATTALION SHOULD BE BASED IN KIGALI.
WE WILL TRY TO OBTAIN A FULLER TRANSCRIPT; PERHAPS
A/S SHATTUCK AND ROBERTO POWERS, WHO ALSO MONITORE
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THIS BROADCAST, CAN CONFIRM OUR RECOLLECTIONS.
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